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TO

All ſuch (whether Papiſts or Proteſtants) as obſerve Dayes contrary to Chriſt and his Apoſtles.

AND

Several weighty things concerning the Croſs of Chriſt, and the Headſhip of the Church; Wherein the Pope is proved to be a falſe and a counterfeit Head, and a robber of the Honour due to Chriſt, the true Head of the true Church.

ALSO,

The *Quakers* Challenge to the *Papiſts*; and the *Quakers* Teſtimony, concerning *Magiſtracy*.

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To all such as observe Dayes contrary to Christ and the Apostles.

PApists and Protestants, you keep *Peters* Day in Sports and Playes, and Wickedness; but deny *Peters* Light, which was his Day & his Life. You keep *John's*, *James*, *Matthew's*, *Luke's*, and *Andrews* Dayes; *Mark's*, *Bartholomew's*, and *Stephen's*; you keep those Dayes for them in sports, pastimes, playes, and drunkenness; and this is like *Sodom*, who raged again the just *Lot*: And so you that live wantonly upon the Earth, and in pleasures, and keeping Saints Dayes, you kill the Just, eat and drink, and rise up to play; so in this, you deny the Just, that kills him; in this you deny the Apostles Lives and Spirits; and then when you have done, you observe their Dayes: And you observe *Childermas* Day, *Rachels* Children which suffered: You, who are the Children of the *Bond-woman*, observe it in pleasures, not in the sense of the sufferings of the holy, dear, godly Apostles, who were faithful and just, who forbad the observing of Dayes in their time, and did not set up their own Dayes to be observed, nor of Christs, nor none of the Saints; you observe *Christs* Day with Pleasures, and Cards, and bad Sports, and Drunkenness, and Idleness, who are in the works of Darkness, that kills the Just; but you do not observe the Day of Christ which *Abraham* saw, for you hate the Light, and so cannot see his Day, none of you that observe Dayes. You observe *Mary Magdalens* Day, who washed Christs Feet, and are persecuting him in his Members. You observe *Marys* Day, the Mother of Jesus; and as I said before, persecute them wherein he is brought forth, and cannot abide to hear talk of Christ within, which the Apostles preached; so the Spirit of the Prophets, Christ, and the Saints, is without you in the Scripture (as you say) and you have it not; in the mean while

the Evil lodges within you, that brings you to obſerve the outward Day, and to perſecute them that will not, who are come to the Day of Chriſt, which all the Apoſtles and Saints were come to which *Abraham* ſaw; and there is none upon the Earth that obſerves Chriſts Day, and the Apoſtles and Saints Day, and the holy Womens Day, but ſuch as obſerve the Light, and that brings them out of all outward Dayes from obſerving of them, to Chriſts Day which *Abraham* ſaw, and rejoyced, and was glad: ſo his joy and gladneſs was in the Day of Chriſt Jeſus; but your joy and gladneſs is in the fleſh; in outwardly obſerving the Apoſtles, and Saints, and Chriſts Birth and Suffering Dayes, with that Spirit that made them to Suffer, in that ſtands your joy and gladneſs, who cannot abide to hear your outward obſerving of Dayes cried againſt, which you have ſet up ſince you have loſt the Light, and Life, and Power that Chriſt and the Apoſtles were in, who did not obſerve your Dayes. And as for your obſerving your *Eaſter*, your Heathen Goddeſs, or the Jews Paſſeover, which is contrary to the true Chriſtians in the Apoſtles dayes, for they did not obſerve it. And as for your obſerving the *Whitſontide*, the Jewes Penticoſt, which is contrary to the Apoſtles and the Chriſtians in the Primitive times, for they did not obſerve ſuch things. And as for your obſerving your *Chriſtmas*, your *Michaelmas*, your *Lammas*; that is, your *Maſs* for your *Lambs*, your *Maſs* for your *Candles*, your *Maſs* for *Children*, your *Maſs* for *Michael* the Archangel; all this is contrary to the Apoſtles and the Primitive Chriſtians, who did not obſerve ſuch things, but declared againſt the Jews obſerving of Dayes, and the Heathens alſo; and did not ſet up Dayes amongſt themſelves to be obſerved, nor for others, and perſecute ſuch that would not obſerve with them, but declared againſt them as many have done ſince the Apoſtles dayes. So for all the outward Dayes you do obſerve in your fleſhly mind, Papiſts and Proteſtants, look among your Streets, Towns, and High-wayes in theſe dayes, and ſee what Drunkenneſs, and Revelling, and Fighting, and Wildneſs, and Evil Words, and Prophaning the Name of God there is, not Hallowing of it: And ſee what abundance of Wickedneſs is committed on thoſe Dayes which you have ſet apart, and how they are prophaned, and Gods Name blaſphemed, what

what Curſing and Swearing, and what multitude of Playes and Shows is acted by that fleſhly Birth that perſecuted the Birth born of the Spirit, on thoſe Dayes ſet apart to be obſerved, let looſe both young and old, whereby the Lord God is much diſhonoured; and therefore come out of all that obſerving of Dayes, and obſerve the Day of Chriſt that *Abraham* ſaw, and there is the true Joy and Rejoycing of the Second Birth.

The Preaching of the Croſs of Chriſt, which is the Power of God, was fooliſhneſs in the Apoſtles dayes to the wiſe Greeks and Profeſſors; And now to all you Papiſts and Proteſtants, Is not the Preaching of the Croſs of Chriſt, which is the Power of God, fooliſhneſs to you all that have ſet up your Wooden, Iron, Braſs, Silver, and Stone Croſſes, ſince the Apoſtles dayes, and ſince you have loſt the Power of God; ſo the Preaching up of the Croſs of Chriſt, which is the Power of God, which Croſs of Chriſt, the Power of God, was Preached up in the Apoſtles dayes; Now if this be fooliſhneſs to you, then your Preaching up of Stone, Iron, Braſs, and Wooden Croſſes, &c. is your Wiſdom and not Fooliſhneſs; and the Preaching up of the Croſs of Chriſt, the Power of God, is Fooliſhneſs to you, and not Wiſdom.

It is clear in the Scriptures of the New Teſtament, That Chriſt is the Head of the Church; And the Apoſtle ſaith, *That Chriſt is the Head of the Church*; and none of the Apoſtles did take that Headſhip upon themſelves; but in all the Scriptures of the New Teſtament, they gave that Honour to Chriſt, the Headſhip of his Church; and ſo never was any of the Apoſtles, Saints, or Primitive Chriſtians called the Head of the Church: And therefore it is clear, That the Pope, that calls himſelf Head of his Papiſts, and Slaves, and Vaſſals, has got up ſince the Apoſtles dayes, and is judged by Chriſt, who ſaid, *They ſhould not exerciſe Lordſhip one over another as the Gentiles did:* And ſo its clear, That the Pope is as one of the Gentiles, called Gracious Lords, exerciſing Authority over his fellow Creatures, and is no true Chriſtian, but hath thrown away the Command of Chriſt Jeſus, and by it is judged. Now look upon ſome Scriptures, as follow, in the New Teſta-

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ment, *Eph.* 1.22. speaking of Christ, how that *he is ascended far above all Principalities, Thrones, Powers, Might, and Dominions, and every Name that is named, not only in this World, but also in that which is to come*; (Mark People, His Name is above the Pope) *and hath put down all things under his feet, and gave him to be the Head over his Church, which is his Body, the Fulness of him that filleth all things.* So Christ, it is clear, is the Head of his Church; So if Christ has a Church or Congregation upon the Earth, he is the Head of it, and not the Pope. Now if you say, Christ has no Church nor Congregation upon the Earth, and that he is Head of none, but the Pope is Head; this is clear, as you say then, that the Pope is the Whore, and the Beast that rose out of the Earth, that the Nations have drunk of her Cup of Fornication, who must drink the Cup of the fierceness of the Wrath of God Almighty before it is purged out again: But it's clear, The Apostles and Saints in the Primitive times, while they were upon the Earth, were called the Church, and Congregation, and Body of Christ, which he was Head of, and did acknowledge him so to be when they were upon the Earth, and not *Peter*, nor *Paul*, nor none of the Apostles; And this was many hundred years before the Universal Pope got to be Head of his counterfeit Church: And it's clear again, Christ hath a People upon the Earth, and had a People since the Apostles Day to this day, that hath acknowledged Christ the Head of the Church, that has Suffered by Heathens, and Papists, and some Protestants, as the Chronicles and Book of Martyrs do testifie: And also the Apostle saith, *Eph.* 4. 15. where he speaketh to the Church, That they were to *speak the Truth in Love, and grow up in Christ in all things, which is the Head of the Church.* And now People, Is it not clear, that these Saints lived upon the Earth, who were to grow up in Christ the Head of the Church; neither *Peter*, nor none of the Apostles, takes that honour to themselves, as Head of the Church; Neither did the Apostle say that the Saints were to grow up in him their Head, nor in *Peter* their Head, nor in the Pope the Head of the Church; but in Christ. And so it's clear here, the Pope has taken that honour to himself, and his own head, which none of the Apostles did, but gave it unto Christ; And so the Thief the Pope is found out,

out, and he is proved to be a Thief, and a robber of Christ of his Honour, taking that Headship to himself that belongs to Christ; and that Honour to his own Head, which belongs to Christs Head; and so this Thief, and Robber of Christ of his Honour, is judged by Christ, and his Apostles, and all his Saints and Martyrs. And again, the Apostle saith, *Christ is the Head of every Man*; yea, *and the Head of all things*; and so is not the Pope. And the Apostle saith, to the Church of the *Colossians*, *That Christ is the Head of the Church, his Body*; *and he was before all things, and by him all things consists*; *who is the beginning, the first-born from the Dead, that in all things he might have the preheminence.* Mark People, *the Preheminence.* Now since the Apostles dayes, the Pope is perch'd up as Head, and he would take the Preheminence to himself, and rob Christ of his honour: For, these *Colossians* & Apostles were upon the Earth when they did acknowledge Christ to be the Head of the Church, which was many hundred years before the Papists Universal Pope got up; and those that did witness all along, since the Apostles dayes, That Christ was the Head of the Church upon the Earth, and denyed the Pope to be any Head of the Church, those the Pope murthered, if he could get them into his Clutches. And so it is clear, Christ is the Head of all that be of his Church, and he hath the Preheminence in all things, and they do grow up in him who is their Head; And the Papists grow up in the Pope, who is their counterfeit Head, of Persecutors; and they give him the Preheminence; and so both he and they are Robbers of Christ of his honour, who gives their honour to the Beast, and receives his Mark in their Hand and Forehead, that is, his Brand (so People take notice of his Brand) is easily seen, that they have the Mark of a Thief that robs Christ of his honour: *Col.* 2. 19. The Apostle there saw some in his dayes, That were *in a voluntary humility, and worshipping of Angels, intruding into those things which they had not seen*; *vainly puft up by their fleshly mind, not holding the Head*; Now (mark People) these the Apostle saw were upon the Earth, that did *not hold the Head* (which was Christ) *from which all the Body* (which is the Church) *by joynts and bands, have nourishment ministred, knit together, encreaseth with*

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the increase of God. And now (mark People) is not this the Pope and his Company? Look on his Brand, the Beasts Mark, which he is branded withal; Are they not in the worshipping of Angels, and a voluntary humility? are they not intruded into those things they never saw? And are not the Papists and the Pope their Head, vainly puft up in a fleshly mind, and now he will be the Head of them? Of such as worship Angels; be the Head of such as observe Dayes, which the Apostles said were bewitched; the Head of such as forbid Meats, and Drinks, and Marriages, which the Apostle calls Doctrine of Devils; and the Head of such that be in a voluntary humility, by which he would beguile People. And so see, People, if the Head and the Tayl be not judged by the Apostles, look on his Brand, on his Mark; So the Pope, nor his Church, cannot receive nourishment from Christ the Head, that doth not hold him their Head: So it's clear, People, They have got up another Head, a false counterfeit Head, since the Apostles dayes. And it's clear also to the Church of the *Ephesians*, *That Christ is the Head of his Church, and the Saviour of the Body; and every one witnessing him to be the Saviour of the Body, witnesses him to be the Head of the Church*; and not the Pope to be the Saviour of the Body, nor the Head of the Church; but the Destroyer of the Bodies and Souls of People: For, how many hath he destroyed within this thousand years, since he got up and took that upon himself, which neither Christ nor the Apostles gave him. The Apostles say, *That there is no Salvation by any other Name, but by the Name of Jesus Christ*; And the Pope (who is Head of his Papists) saith, They can forgive Sin and Pardon, to wit, his Jesuits, Priests, and Friars. People, Don't you take notice, here is the Beast with his many Names? here is clear the many Antichrists? For Christ and God is One, and his Name is One, and all his true Church he is Head of, have their Fathers Mark in their Forehead; and all the counterfeit Church hath their Father the Popes Brand in their Forehead and Hand, and known to be Thieves and Robbers of Christ; Look on their Brand, People, and look upon Christs Church, and see the Fathers Mark in their Forehead, the White Stone, how it glisters in the People Christ is Head of. Praying

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to Angels, was forbidden by the Angel: But the Pope he has thrown away this Command, and prayes to Angels: For *John* in the *Revelations* was forbidden, but was Commanded to worship God. So it's clear, They that worship Angels do not worship God, nor hold Christ to be the Head of the Church. And *Matth.* 12. 21. *In Christs Name shall the Gentiles trust.* So their trust is in the Name of Jesus, who is Head of the Church; and not the Pope the Head: For Christ enlightens the Gentiles, and through this Light they see Jesus, through which Light they trust in his Name; and that Repentance, and Remission of Sins should be preached among all Nations in the Name of Jesus. And so Repentance and Remission of Sins is not preached in the Name of the Pope among all Nations, nor in the Name of Jesuites, nor Priests, nor Friars, for they cannot remit sins; For they say, They have not the same Power and Holy Ghost that the Apostles had; For he that remits sins, saves; And there is no Salvation under Heaven by any other Name than the Name of Jesus; And so the Belief was in the Name of Jesus: And so the Pope, who came in his own Name, the Papists have received, and made him their Head: But Christ came in his Fathers Name, who is the Head of the Church, and him you Papists have not received to be your Head, and so have not Life through his Name; and so you having not Faith in the Name of Christ to be your Head, you are not made whole, but lye in spiritual sicknesses and sins. And *John* in his *first Epistle, chap.* 2. *vers.* 12. saith to them, *Your sins are forgiven for his Names sake; and he it is that blots out all your sins and transgressions:* And therefore for Christs Names sake, who is the Head of his Church, are his Saints hated; and all the Members of his Church that are gathered together in his Name, and he is Head of them, and is among them. And therefore the Papists and Pope are not gathered in Christs Name it is clear, for they have set up another Head than Christ, neither is Christ amongst them; And what any one was to ask, it was to be in Christs Name; if they ask'd of the Father, it was to be in Christs Name. See *John* 14. 14. & 15. 16. *Ye shall ask in my Name,* saith Christ: But sayes the Pope, the false Head of the false Church, You must ask in the Saints

Name, and *Maries* Name, and the Angels Name; which is another Doctrine and Gospel than the Apostles and Christ Preached, and so accursed: And we are not ashamed of Christs Name, who is our Head; but are ashamed of your Head. And as for your Praying to the Dead, and praying for the Dead, it is contrary to the Scriptures, and the practises of all the holy Men. And as for your asking Counsel of the Dead, it is like unto *Saul* going unto the Witch, and asking Counsel of the Dead; which Witch may raise a Devil instead of a Saint: And all you that ask Counsel at the Dead, are such as the Lord hath departed from, as you may see, 1 *Sam.*28. and in *Deut.*14. They were to make no baldness betwixt their Eyes for the Dead. The Command of the Lord was, They should not make any cutting in the flesh for the Dead; nor print any mark upon them. *Ezek.*24.15,17. *The Word of the Lord came unto me, saying; Forbear to cry, make no mourning for the Dead.* And see what a counterfeit Howling you Papists make for the Dead. And see (*Jer.*22.10.) your condition there against your Howling.

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A Challenge to the Papiſts.

Friends,

WEE underſtand, That you ſtand for your Mother Church of *Rome*, with all that old Womans Fables; And for all her Jeſuites, Fryars, and Monks, and their Church, that the Gates of Hell cannot prevail againſt, as you ſay; And we ſee moſt of your Church are thrown down here in *Ireland*; and ſo we are ſorry a Lye ſhould be found in your Mothers Mouth, which hath ſaid, That the Gates of Hell ſhall not prevail againſt it, that Old Woman, the Church of *Rome*; and that you ſtand for her Fables, Sacraments, and Altars, that is, after you have Conſecrated your Bread and Wine, it is the very Chriſt, the whole Chriſt, Body, Soul, and Blood, and it is Immortal, and Divine, as you ſay. Bring out all your Friars, and Jeſuites, and the Pope himſelf, and his Cardinals; and we will have a Bottle of Wine and put it into two Baſons divided, and a Loaf of Bread cut into two; and you ſhall Conſecrate which part you will, and after you have Conſecrated it, we will ſet the Conſecrated, and Unconſecrated together in a Celler, and we will have a Watch on your ſide, ſeven; and on our ſide, ſeven. And if your Conſecrated proves Immortal, and Divine, and loſe not its Property, or Taſte, but proves the very Body of Chriſt, Soul, and Blood;

then we will all turn to you. [*For the Flesh of Christ saw no Corruption.*] But if the Consecrated alters its Property and Taste, and proves Mouldy, and the Wine lose its Taste, and grow Sowre or Dead, then you shall all turn to us. And this is the way by which we will try your God, and Christ; and also it will be a way to bring Truth to light, and Honour to God; for you have shed much Blood about this thing, and burned many to Ashes, because they would not own Bread and Wine to be the Body and Blood of Christ. Now let your Friars, Monks, Jesuites, Pope, and Cardinals, come out to try your Christ which you have made of Bread and Wine.

James Lancaster,

Ireland, the 19th of the 3d Mon. 1669.

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THE Quakers Teſtimony Concerning MAGISTRACY.

ALL you that call your ſelves Chriſtians, who have been ſo angry, *Independants* and *Presbyterians*, we have not forgot your anger, and malice, and others, againſt the *Quakers*, who were moved of the Lord God (the Spirit having conſtrained them, and his Power) to cry againſt Drunkards, Swearers, Curſers, Fighters, Cheaters, Conzeners, Bawdy-houſes, Whore-houſes, and your Pleaſures, Games, and Sports, which you keep on your Idle Dayes to diſhonour God, which are more like the Families of *Sodom*, *Babylon*, and *Egypt*, than Chriſtians: And becauſe we have cried againſt ſuch things in your Streets and Markets, and againſt your Prieſts, which are the Hirelings, which the Prophets and Chriſt cried againſt. You have been in a rage, and Impriſoned and Perſecuted us; and ſaid, *We made Tumults*: And when we bid you Repent, you called us *Papiſts*; and thus you branded us for crying againſt your wickedneſs in Streets, High-wayes, and Markets, which ſhews what Spirits you are of, that could not bear that Wickedneſs ſhould be cried againſt; and then you have branded us as *being againſt Magiſtrates*: Now is not the *Magiſtrates* Sword to take hold upon the Unrighteous? Was not the Law made for ſuch? And is not the higher Power, that the Soul muſt be ſubject to, above all Wickedneſs, Swearers, Curſers,

Curſers, Adulterers, Cheaters, Lyars; are not ſuch actions acted in the lower Power? And is not the higher Power above all ſuch to which the Soul muſt be ſubject? and *he that reſiſts it, reſiſts the Ordinance of God*? Now, they that ſeek to bring People out, and from under all theſe groſs evils, as before mentioned, do they not eaſe the *Magiſtrates*, and help the *Magiſtrates*, and are one with the *Magiſtrates* that be true *Magiſtrates*, that he ſhould not have ſo much cumber to bring People from that which his Sword is againſt? And here, are we not one with the Law which was added becauſe of tranſgreſſion, one with that holy Law which brings People from under unholineſs, one with that juſt Law which brings People from injuſtice, and one with the good and righteous Law that brings People from under that which is unrighteous and bad? So is it not clear here, That we are one with, and own *Magiſtracy*, that is a praiſe to them that do well; the Law was not made for the righteous but ſinners and tranſgreſſors, &c. For they that live juſtly, ſoberly, righteouſly, and holy, are one with the Law that is juſt and holy, and one with the true *Magiſtracy*, and the higher Power; And they that are againſt, and denies the *Magiſtrates*, and the Law, and the higher Power, are the Drunkards, Fornicators, Adulterers, Theeves, Curſers, Swearers, ſuch as follow Pleaſures, and live wantonly upon the Earth, and kill the Juſt in themſelves, and cannot own the Juſt Law of God, nor the Higher Power, but they are in the lower power of Wickedneſs, and the Higher Power of God is above it: And ſo there are no people upon the Earth that are one with true Magiſtracy and the Higher Power, and with Juſtice and Equity, but ſuch as walk in Righteouſneſs, Holineſs, Juſtice and Equity.

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THE END.